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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly. I'm not going to argue the merits, as they have been thoroughly discussed. I want to touch on two or three things. First I want to point out that no one has asked me to or commented to me about making this motion. I did so on the basis that it seemed to me that the strength ought to be tested at this level of discussion, I did not know if anyone else would. Secondly, I did not question the motivations of anybody who is on either side of this particular amendment. I'm sure that there are a variety of reasons, perhaps, that have resulted in people making a choice. I also am of the opinion that the whole discussion, which has occurred in the last three or four years, serves as an excellent example of the reasons for introducing of legislation, which is not necessarily the passage of a bill, but rather the exposure of a problem to bring about broad discussion. We frequently find that adjustments which are sought can be accomplished merely because of that fact. I think a great many improvements, apparently, are being made. Finally, it seems to me that, as Senator Kelly has already suggested, it is on a rare occasion that I will vote to put a question on the ballot in the form of a constitutional amendment merely because I think the people ought to have a choice to vote. Normally, as a Senator, you have responsibility to place it on the ballot as your recommendation that this is a sound piece of legislation, a sound change in our Constitution. In this instance, because of the lack of what alternative might be sought or arrived at if it was adopted, because I'm not aware of any gross problem which exists as the integrated Bar is presently stand. To me it's a judgement decision. A judgement decision tells me that there is not need, at this time, for this constitutional amendment to be presented to the people of the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 429, constitutional amendment, be indefinitely postponed. Record your votes. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 17 nays, 5 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The bill is indefinitely postponed. Senator Burbach.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, yesterday we discussed here about going into all day session. I want to make a report to the members of this body. Because of Miscellaneous Subjects having eight bills, which I was not aware of prior to our discussion yesterday morning only in the morning. The Constitutional Revision Committee has one bill. Agriculture has one bill, and the Budget Committee certainly has a hearing that day. I'm asking, and making an announcement, that we will not be in all day sessions on Thursday, March 20th. On the 18th, 19th and 21st, and hopefully all the days thereafter, we'll be in all day sessions. I also ask that on your calendar we have LB 218 for consideration at this time. I have visited with the introducer of the motion on LB 218. He is agreeable that it be discussed tomorrow and be placed into the calendar for discussion tomorrow. That doesn't create a problem does it?